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**Voluntary Guidelines for Securing  
Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries**

in the Context of Food Security  
and Poverty Eradication



# SSF Guidelines implementation: FAO's SSF Umbrella Programme and examples of specific initiatives

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# FAO support to SSF Guidelines implementation





# 1. Awareness raising

# Awareness and outreach

- Monthly SSF Update / IYAFA newsletter
- Engagement through meetings, workshops, and regional and global policy processes
- Dedicated SSF website
  - thematic sub-pages, events, news and resources
- SSF Guidelines available in 25 languages



## Broad consultations have led to holistic guidelines

The Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (the SSF Guidelines) are the result of consultations with more than 100 small-scale fishing communities, governments, and other stakeholders.

## A global strategic framework puts words into action

Implementing the SSF Guidelines takes combined efforts by many actors. These actors need easy ways to exchange ideas and concerns, and a space for collaboration. The Global Strategic Framework in support of the implementation of the SSF Guidelines provides a platform for such collaboration.



## Making a difference in food security and nutrition, together

Tenure is understood as how people, communities or others gain access to natural resources, and it defines who can use which resources, for how long, under which conditions (VGGT preface). It is relevant for small-scale fishers and it secures access to the natural resources, which is a pre-requisite for food security and nutrition security. Not being able to count on secure access rights to natural resources creates vulnerability. Moreover, people are more likely to invest in their own resources in the form of responsible resource use when they are confident that they will continue to draw on those resources for a long time. Two important and complementary actions to acknowledge this are:

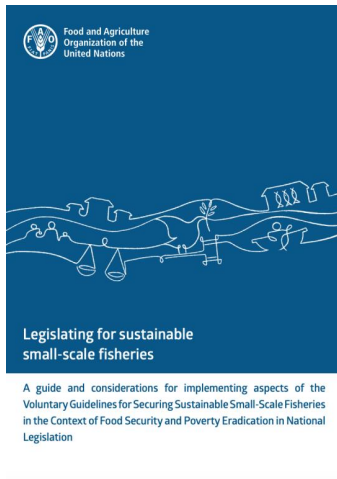
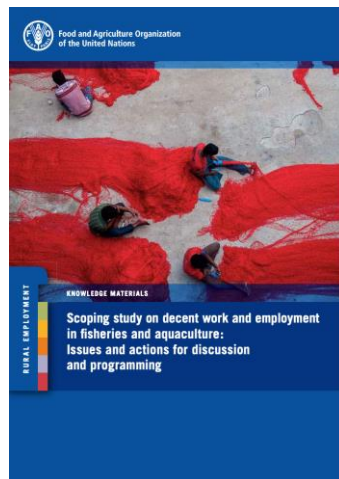
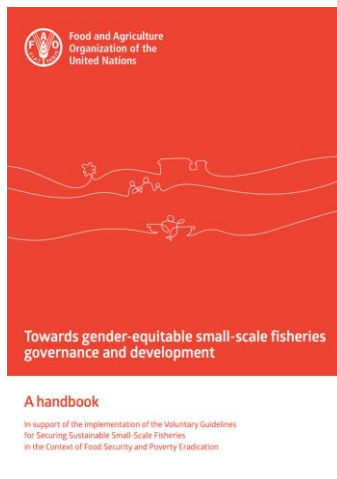
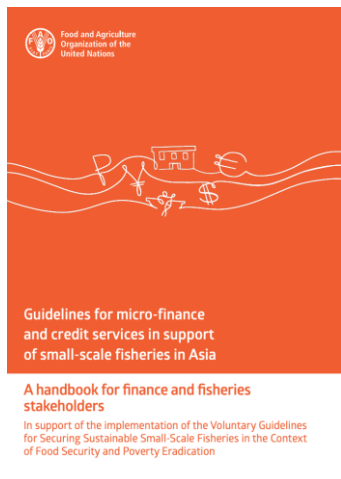
Making a difference for food security and nutrition, together, and the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) instruments for sustainable small-scale fisheries and food systems



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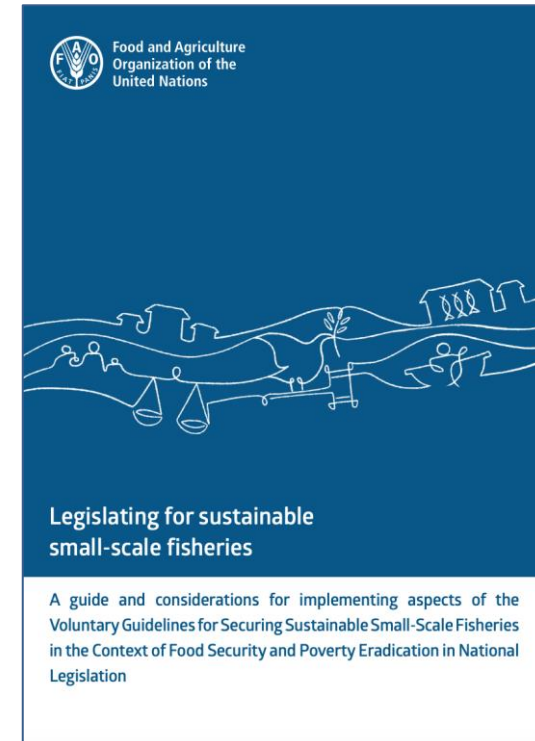
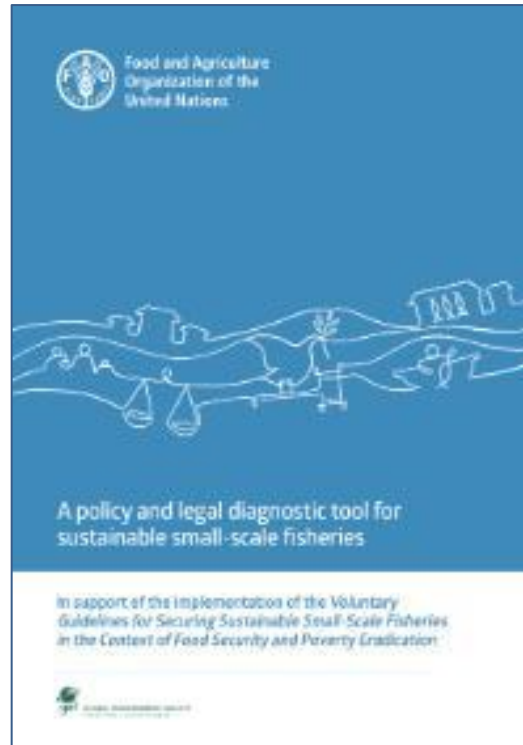
2.  
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# Guidance and technical information



- Promote knowledge sharing and exchange of experiences
- Support policy reform
- Provide technical guidance

Provide **country profiles** with information on policy and legal instruments relevant to small-scale fisheries at various levels of governance







## **Illuminating Hidden Harvests: The contributions of small-scale fisheries to sustainable development**

**Illuminating Hidden Harvests (IHH)** is a global initiative of FAO, Duke University and WorldFish to generate and disseminate new evidence about the benefits, interactions and impacts of small-scale fisheries to inform policy and practice. The report will provide a snapshot of the diverse contributions of small-scale fisheries globally.



# Toolkit for National Plans of Action (NPOA-SSF)

- Participatory process management framework for developing an NPOA
- Tools for establishing National Task Team, stakeholder mapping, assessing needs of fisher organizations, analysing SSF sector, etc.
- Tanzania, Namibia, Madagascar, Malawi, Uganda







# Working with SSF organisations

- IPC Working Group on Fisheries
- The Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations (CNFO)
- CAOPA (confederation of professional organizations - women and men - in the small-scale marine and inland fisheries of Africa)
- The Tanzanian Women Fish Workers Association (TAWFA)
- And others!







## Supporting government capacity

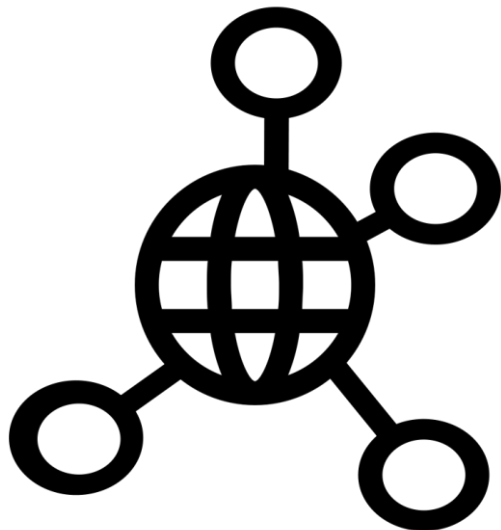
- IOI Regional Small-scale Fisheries Governance Training Program - Creating an Enabling Environment for the SSF Guidelines
- Collaboration with universities





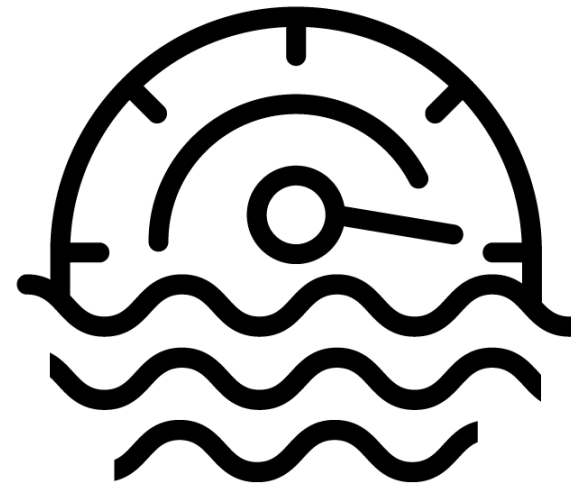
## Global Strategic Framework (SSG-GSF)

The SSF-GSF is a partnership mechanism for stakeholders to collaborate at a global level.



## Monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) framework

The MEL framework promotes SSF Guidelines implementation through monitoring.



# Collaboration is key to SSF Guidelines implementation

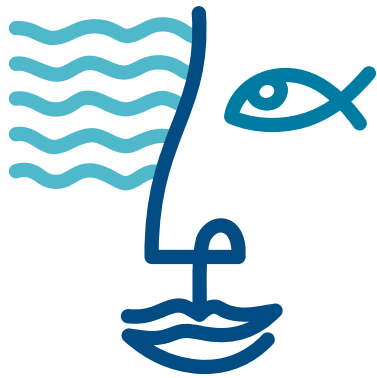
- **Governments** have the main responsibility to ensure implementation of the SSF Guidelines in close collaboration with **SSF actors**
- **Collaboration** is fundamental and we all have a role to play!







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